

P-20 Council Meeting Notes
Buck Library, Buena Vista Conference Center
New Castle, DE
Monday, January 11, 2016

Welcome

State Board of Education President welcomed Council members to the meeting. She noted that Executive Director Donna Johnson would be presiding over the meeting as she had to leave to attend another meeting. The meeting was called to order.

Members present: Donna Johnson, Bradley Skelcher, Mark DiMaio, Fran Riddle, Tanner Polce, Kendall Massett, Debbie Gottschalk, Earl Jacques, Jim Wilson, Rhonda Lehman, Dusty Blakey, Frederika Jenner, Bill Potter and Lisa Stoner Torbert.

Others present: Deb Stevens, Susan Perry Manning, Charlene Stephens, Denise Stouffer.

P-20 Council Business – Approval of Meeting Minutes

It was noted that a quorum of the Council was present. The minutes from the October meeting were approved. Ms. Johnson provided an update on data governance noting that the P-20 Council was instrumental in the data sharing of schools and higher education institutions. The Council will receive an update at its next meeting. Ms. Lehman noted that DTI has launched an open data portal.

Update on Early Childhood Education Programs and Initiatives

Susan Perry Manning, Director of the Office of Early Learning, provided an update on early childhood education programs and initiatives. She also commented on the Early Childhood Challenge Grant that will be ending and sustaining the programs the grant funded. Council members were invited to attend the Governor's Birth to 8 Summit scheduled for February 10th at Delaware State University.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

The Council received an update on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) from Bill Potter from the Department of Labor. The State Plan has been drafted and the regulations from the U.S. Department of Labor have not been received. Funding is anticipated to be approximately \$3M. Mr. Potter noted the many changes that have occurred including a reconstitution of the Workforce Investment Board. He highlighted the State's employment portal, joblink.delaware.gov.

Perkins State Plan and Update on CTE Initiatives

Lisa Stoner Torbert provided the Council with the updates to the 2016 Delaware State Plan for Perkins including shifts in performance measures. The Perkins Act is designed to improve the academic and technical skills of CTE students. Changes in the 2015-2016 Plan include the development of ten state-model CTE programs of study representing demand-driven occupations and an investment of more than \$1.1 million to support LEAs which will impact 29 high schools, resulting in 55 programs in SY16-17;

Overview of Every Student Succeeds Act

Ms. Johnson provided the Council with an overview of the Every Student Succeeds Act. President Obama signed the legislation in December which rewrites and Elementary and Secondary Education Act and replaces No Child Left Behind. ESSA provides support to schools with traditionally underserved students. It also requires data on student achievement and graduation rates. ESSA provides states and districts with greater flexibility.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.